Fifth Grade Curriculum Overview by Quarter

2026-2027

	1st Nine Weeks	2nd Nine Weeks	3rd Nine Weeks	4th Nine Weeks
English	English Language Arts is not a discrete set of skills. Skills work together to help children analyze literary and informational texts. Skills are not taught in isolation, rather they are purposefully combined to support student learning of texts they read. Instruction includes phonological, phonemic, and print awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension, handwriting, communication, and research.			
	Reading • Word Meanings • Root Words & Affixes • Homophones • Synonyms and Antonyms • Morphological Relationships • Infer Word Meaning • Summarize • Describe Plot • Character Development • Author's Language • Analyze Poetry • First & Third Person • Purpose for Reading • Compare and Contrast • Summarize • Describe Author's Reasons, Evidence, and Opinions • Organizational Pattern • Text Features • Author's Purpose • Prior & Background Knowledge • Analyze Multiple Accounts • Explain Relationships Based on Text **Writing/Language Usage** • Argumentative Writing • Expand, Combine, Reduce Sentences • Subject-Verb Agreement • Capitalization • Punctuation • Commas • Maintain Cursive	**Reading** • Word Meanings • Root Words & Affixes • Homophones • Morphological Relationships • Infer Word Meaning • Summarize • Describe Plot • Character Development • Author's Language • Analyze Poetry • First & Third Person • Purpose for Reading • Compare and Contrast • Summarize • Describe Author's Reasons, Evidence, and Opinions • Organizational Pattern • Text Features • Reference Materials • Author's Purpose • Prior & Background Knowledge • Analyze Multiple Accounts • Explain Relationships Based on Text **Writing/Language Usage** • Expository Writing • Expand, Combine, Reduce Sentences • Capitalization • Punctuation • Verb Tense • Commas • Prepositional Phrases	**Reading** • Word Meanings • Root Words & Affixes • Morphological Relationships • Infer Word Meaning • Summarize • Describe Plot • Character Development • Author's Language • Analyze Poetry • Purpose for Reading • Compare and Contrast • Summarize • Describe Author's Reasons, Evidence, and Opinions • Organizational Pattern • Text Features • Author's Purpose • Prior & Background Knowledge • Analyze Multiple Accounts • Explain Relationships Based on Text **Writing/Language Usage** • Narrative Writing • Poetry Writing • Expand, Combine, Reduce Sentences • Verb Tense • Capitalization • Punctuation • Hyphens	**Reading** • Word Meanings • Root Words & Affixes • Morphological Relationships • Infer Word Meaning • Summarize • Describe Plot • Character Development • Author's Language • Analyze Poetry • Purpose for Reading • Compare and Contrast • Summarize • Describe Author's Reasons, Evidence, and Opinions • Organizational Pattern • Text Features • Author's Purpose • Prior & Background Knowledge • Analyze Multiple Accounts • Explain Relationships Based on Text **Writing/Language Usage** • Persuasive/Opinion Writing • Expand, Combine, Reduce Sentences • Prepositional Phrases • Verb Tense • Capitalization • Commas • Colons

	Handwriting • Write in Response to Text	• Interjections • Conjunction • Maintain Cursive Handwriting • Write in Response to Text	• Adverbs • Conjunction • Commas • Maintain Cursive Handwriting • Write in Response to Text	• Adverbs • Maintain Cursive Handwriting • Write in Response to Text
History	• History Skills • Continents and Oceans • Major Geographic Regions and Water Features of North America • Archaeology • Indigenous People • European Exploration and Colonization (including impact on West Africa)	• History Skills • Colonial America • American Revolution • Articles of Confederation • Constitution of the United States	• History Skills • Three - Fifths Compromise • Three Branches of Government • Westward Expansion and Reform • Civil War	• History Skills • Civil War
Math	• Volume • Estimate and solve fraction contextual problems • Whole number contextual problems	• Compare & order fractions and decimals and equivalent relationships • Decimal multiplication, division and contextual problems • Prime & Composite numbers • Variables • Patterns • Order of Operations	• Angles and Triangles • Length, Mass, Liquid Volume • Data Cycle (stem-and-leaf and line plot) • Mean, Median, Mode, Range	• Probability
Science	*Fourth Grade Review* • Weather • Planets • Sun, Moon, Earth • Ocean Environment • VA Resources	• Earth Surfaces • Forms of Energy • Force and Motion • Matter • Sound	• Light • Electricity and Magnetism • Earth's Resources • Plant and Animal Processes and Structures • Ecosystems	• Cumulative Review